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from that of my colleagues, young Senator Bourne and my more mature senator friend Vrtiska. I would rather be the ox than is doing the goring. I don't like this bill. I don't like the Union Pacific bill. I don't like the Antelope Park bill. I don't like the Riverfront Development in Omaha. I don't like the Omaha Public Schools coming down here trying to plunder the treasury. Here's what the approach is that these outfits usually will take. They, through their negligence, if it's in a case of an Omaha school district, will create a series of problems. Then the problems of their own creation will be used to come down here to the Legislature and say, give me some money because of these problems. Had they done a better job of taking care of the business of running the schools instead of trying to resegregate, discriminate against black children and poor white children, these problems that they created would not be in existence. So we need to require them to show some good faith before we even consider letting them stick their fingers into the state's treasury. So I'm going to be working against those bills very assiduously. Fortunately, I've been given reason to believe that that terrible LB 513 is not going to come out here, but you all need to keep in mind that we're going to be talking about redistricting and some other very serious matters. It wouldn't be wise to provoke where provocation is not necessary, so here's what I would suggest; that we suspend the rules that allow only senators to be on this floor and we turn the Chamber over to the suits out there in the Rotunda on this issue and they will take care of this in a very few minutes. They could have done the whole thing in ten minutes and be out playing golf and laughing at and mocking the Legislature, but, instead, we have to go through the charade. We have to go through the motions of appearing to be deliberative people doing that which is in the best interest of the public at large by doing that which is fair, just, and proper. I haven't said much on this bill because there are enough people on the floor doing the pulling, the tugging and the arguing. But when the final product moves across this floor...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...you will be able to determine where the power resides in this state; who and which ones are able to jerk